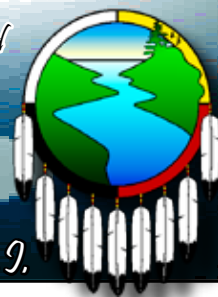


Rapid River News!

From L.R.B.O.I.



(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)

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NEW RENTAL HOMES AVAILABLE SOON

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department is pleased to announce that we will have five new 3-bedroom homes available soon for rent at Aki Maadiziwin in Manistee. These are newly constructed single family homes with all new appliances (including washer/dryer, microwave), attached garages and full basements.

These homes are available for low-income families. To be considered "low-income" your annual gross household income cannot exceed the amounts listed below.

Family Size	1	2	3	4
Income	\$35,850	\$40,950	\$46,100	\$51,200
	5	6		
	\$55,300	\$59,400		

Monthly rental payments will be 20% of the household's adjusted monthly income plus utilities. Copies of the Regulations governing eligibility and occupancy may be obtained from the Housing Department or the tribal web site.

If you are interested in applying for a rental unit, please call the Housing Department Toll Free at 1.888.723.8288 or direct 231.398.6876.

Fish Distribution Sign up

Each year you need to fill out the form to be on the Fish Distribution list from Natural Resources.

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2010 Annual Goonignebig Tournament

It's time to start planning for the Snow Snake tournament here at LRBOI! The date is the 13th of February and it will be held at the Community Center by Aki Maadiziwin. To register, please call 1-888-723-8288, ext. 6895 or email Vchandler@lrboi.com.

The tournament is sponsored by the Tribal Historic Preservation Department.

Mark is back!

Mark Dougher, a long-time employee, associate and friend of LRBOI has been brought back to assist the tribal government with organizational development. By Executive Order, Ogema Romanelli has expanded Mark's responsibilities beyond managing the government center project to include study and facilitation of organizational recommendations developed last year for the tribe.

Warriors Society updates:

Iraq/Afghanistan. The Warriors Society wants to know if you have family members currently on active duty in either of these two theatres of operation. If so, please send the information to the Warriors Society at 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660

Wii Bowling League

If you have family/friends interested, they are welcome. The league will begin the week of Feb. 22 after work. You can either form your own 4 person team or we can set you up individually to play. Come join in the fun, meet new people or visit with those you already know. Beat the winter blues, get a little exercise. If you have any questions or want to sign up contact Holly Davis at ext. 6610 or the Community Health Representative office at ext. 6629.

The summer youth camp will be Aug. 2-13, 2010.
Watch the Rapid River News and Currents for more details.

The Enrollment Department would like to remind all Tribal Members who have not filled out a Beneficiary form or a PerCap Beneficiary form needs to contact our office. Please remember that these forms have to be notarized. There are still some Tribal Members who need to update their addresses. If you have moved, are moving in the near future or know someone who has moved please contact our office to update the address. This form has to be notarized as well.

Payment Delays

It has come to the attention of the Enrollment Department that there have been a number of situations whereby access to Per Capita and Bereavement Benefit payments have been hindered because of the individual who is listed as the beneficiary. The cause of the problem has been due to the listing of a minor child as the beneficiary. The Enrollment Department is recommending that if you currently have a minor child listed as the beneficiary on either your Per Capita or Bereavement Benefit form that you may want to consider changing that person to an adult to eliminate any future problems associated with the distribution of those funds on your behalf.

(Kateri Circle)

"If people are going to get back into balance, one of the things they have to do is seek the truth. They have to start really speaking the truth themselves, and that's a difficult thing to do. The way it is now in the world, we don't mind lying."

--John Peters (Slow Turtle), WAMPANOAG

Well everybody's doing it. Do unto others before they do unto you. If it wasn't for bad luck I would have no luck at all. These are excuses and rationalizations for giving up accountability. Be true to yourself. Seek the truth, the Great Spirit is the truth. The truth shall set you free. This is the truth. We cannot be free if we are dishonest nor can we live a balanced life if we are dishonest. As we grow, we need to start taking stands. All warriors take stands. The warrior's belief is constantly being aligned to truth. The warrior will always know where he/she stands.

Great Spirit

3rd Annual SagChip Round Dance

The 3rd annual round dance has been announced for March 13th at the Tribal Gym. Feast is at 5 p.m. and dancing is from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. A midnight snack will be provided. For more info, call Nathan Isaac at 989-600-5549 or Dan Jackson at 989-400-6644. There is a \$1000 Grand Prize drawing at 1 a.m.

Commissions/Committees:

The following commissions have current openings.

Gaming Commission	1 opening
Natural Resource	1 opening
Binojeeuk	4 openings

All other commission seats available have been filled.

Youth Build Manistee. Northwest Michigan Works! is expanding the YouthBuild program to include Manistee/Benzie, Traverse City, and Beaver Island. A national program, Youth-Build trains high school drop-out youth, ages 18 to 24, in the construction trades. Hands-on learning takes place in building affordable housing within the community. The youth spend 50% of their time on academics -- obtaining a high school diploma or preparing for the GED. For more information or an application form contact David Hawley, LRBOI Workforce Development Specialist (ext 6842). Link for more information: <http://www.nwm.org/youthbuild.asp>

The new 2009 Tribal Directories are done. If you want one of these Directories, you can either email the Enrollment Department or submit a written request to the Enrollment Department asking for this Directory. We will send it to you through the mail or you can pick one up in the office.

Government Weather Closing Policy. The tribal government has issued the 2009 Weather Closing Policy. When Manistee Area Schools announce a closing due to weather, the government offices will have a delayed open to 10 a.m. The same is true for the Muskegon Government Office and their school system.

Woodland Indian Art Exhibit

This museum in Traverse City is in the midst of a nice exhibit featuring Woodland Indian arts and crafts. Use this link to see more. <http://www.dennosmuseum.org/exhibitions/current/2009-exhibitions/woodland-indians.html>

Intern Program:

The 2010 Michigan State University (MSU) Tribal Natural Resource Internship Program has announced a call for proposals. This annual internship program is designed to provide MSU undergraduate students with professional experiences in natural resource and environmental management by placing them in the offices of tribes and tribal organizations. The program helps students gain practical skills, experience and knowledge including competencies about tribal resource management. Tribes gain access to skilled interns from the cadre of natural resource and environmental related majors at MSU. After reviewing tribal and student applications, MSU will work with selected tribal offices to co-determine students who best meet the needs of tribal programs. The interns will work full-time for approximately 3 months over the summer field season. Any tribal government department interested in submitting a proposal may obtain additional information from David Hawley, LRBOI Workforce Development Specialist, at 231-398-6842 or e-mail dhawley@lrboi.com. In addition, MSU students, especially American Indian students at MSU, interested in learning about tribal natural resource and environmental management are encouraged to apply.

This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: 2-1-10

If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation
DM - Divorce with children
EB - Election Board Appeal
FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment
GM - Guardianship of Minor
JV - Juvenile
NC - Name Change
TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support
DO - Divorce w/o children
EM - Emancipation of Minor
GA - Gaming Appeal
GR - Employment Matter
LT - Landlord Tenant
PF - Probate
TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket
EA - Enrollment Appeal
FJ - Foreign Judgment
GC - General Civil
JC - Judicial Complaint
NA - Neglect Abuse
PPO - Personal Protection Order
WC - Workmen's Compensation

Monday, February 8, 2010; Judge Bailey

- 9:00 a.m. 10028TM - LRBOI v. Brooks Arraignment
- 9:30 a.m. 10031TM - LRBOI v. Corey Arraignment
- 10:00 a.m. 10014GM - Closed Guardianship
- 11:00 a.m. 09251PF - Moby Probate
- 11:30 a.m. 09177GM - Closed Guardianship

Friday, February 12, 2010; Judge Bailey

- 10:00 a.m. Jury Show Cause Hearings
- 10:30 a.m. 09256DO - Fisher v. Gault Pretrial

Monday, February 15, 2010; Judge Bailey

- 10:00 a.m. 09176DO - Hill v. Hill Final Divorce
- 10:30 a.m. 09240TM - Tribe v. Hannah Arraignment
- 11:00 a.m. 09156DM - Wilson v. Wilson Final Pretrial

Friday, February 19, 2010; Judge Sherigan

- 10:00 a.m. 08284NA - Closed Neglect Abuse
- 2:00 p.m. 10027AM - Adoption/ Closed

Monday, February 22, 2010; Judge Bailey

- 10:00 a.m. 08189TM - LRBOI v. Stone Prob. Viol.

Census Jobs!



A 2010 Census Test will be administered by the U.S. Census Bureau at the LRBOI Muskegon Office (1101 W. Hackley Ave., Muskegon) on Wednesday, January 20, 2010. Testing sessions have been scheduled for 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Tribal members interested in a 2010 Census Bureau position should attend one of the test sessions. In order to qualify for a Census Bureau position, all candidates must first pass a 30 minute written examination, be at least 18 years old or older, be a citizen of the United States and present proof of identity and employment eligibility at the time of the test. In the words of the Census Bureau, "This is an exciting opportunity to enhance your job skills, further your career and improve your community!"

Those wishing to take the 2010 Census Test at the LRBOI Muskegon Office on Wednesday, January 20, should arrive early to register. Please bring proof of identity and employment eligibility.

Carol Gibner, Partnership Assistant Native American Liaison with the 2010 Census, can be reached at 616-214-1526 (Grand Rapids) or e-mail monag1010@yahoo.com if you need additional information. A toll-free number and/or the website link can give you additional information regarding the test and available jobs. A printed brochure from the Census Bureau is available in the Tribal Government Downtown Bank Building lobby. A Practice Test has been attached to this e-mail and a hard copy Practice Test is available from the Workforce Development Specialist.

Toll-Free: 1-866-861-2010

Website: <http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/>



Election Board Community Meetings will be held on: Saturday, February 6, 2010 at 2 pm at the new Little River Community Center in Manistee. Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 2 pm at the Muskegon Satellite Office in Muskegon.

Election Proposed Regulations.

The Tribal Election Board has posted new proposed election regulations for your consideration. The link to the regulations can be found on the tribal website at www.lrboi.com, on the Home page. There is also a "comments" tab which will allow you to send your comments directly to the Election Board by e-mail

Come Join the Diabetes Talking Circle

- **Learn:**
- **Myths about diabetes**
- **Diabetes prevention**
- **Diabetes risk factors**
- **Types of diabetes**
- **Eating healthy, dietary guidelines**
- **Reading food labels and shopping for healthy foods**
- **Healthy food preparation**
- **Traditional foods**
- **Routine medical care**

This group can help support your desire to change your eating habits/diet, support a family member with diabetes, and assist you in making changes to be healthier. Starting Tuesday February 2, 2010 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at the Tribal Health Clinic or Wednesday February 3, 2010 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Aki Community Center. Classes run for 12 weeks. For more information or to sign up for a class contact Holly Davis RN, MSN Diabetes Educator/Community Health Nurse 231-398-6610 or Teresa Johnson Community Health Representative at 231-398-6629.

Ogema to D.C.

Ogema Romanelli traveled to Washington DC last week with the four other Tribal Chiefs of CORA, (Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority) along with Natural Resources Director, Jimmie Mitchell to attend a meeting with the U.S. Department of Interior. They went to talk to the U.S. Government about additional appropriations funding regarding a Consent Decree which gives the CORA tribes enforcement, management and allocation governance over almost 14 million acres in Northern Michigan.

Utility Bills delayed.

The Tribal Utility Department is currently changing their billing to an automated system (experiencing technical difficulties) and they will get the bills out as soon as possible. The remittance period has been extended to the 2nd of February.

Nike N7:



This is the first time a price reduction has been applied to this exclusive first-of-its-kind performance shoe. From 1/11/10 to 3/12/10 there will be a 30% price reduction on the four original styles of Nike n7's. This will bring the cost down to \$40.80 a pair. The styles are as follows: **Men's**- Black on Black; White w/Metallic Silver. **Woman's**-

White w/ Vivid Blue or White w/Regal Pink (canvas). Contact the clinic at 231.723.8299.

Elders Meeting:



**First
Saturday of
every month**

Region 7 Meeting

The monthly Region 7 Michigan Homeland Security was held last week in Gaylord. LRBOI EMC Officer Cook and Public Affairs Director Zaring represented the tribe. Norm Emery from LTBB is the tribal representative for the region and he was appointed to head up a committee dealing with a specific area of necessary training for the region. 18 Counties and 3 tribes are in Region 7. The regional chairman, Dan Scott (EMC for Grand Traverse County) is actively involving the tribes as partners in Emergency Management for the region.

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LRCR GM Contracted!

Tom Davis, the interim General Manager of the Little River Casino Resort has accepted a contract to become the General Manager. Tom was part of the original management team which launched the casino and has been serving this past year as the interim manager. We congratulate Tom and welcome him to the family!

CVB Head move to LRCR

Judy Ball has been serving the Manistee County Convention and Visitors Bureau as their executive director for several years and has just been hired as the new Conference Sales Manager for Little River. She brings a wealth of experience and contacts that will increase our conference business in the future. Welcome Judy!

NIOA Tribal Liaison

Public Affairs Director Zaring has been chosen by the National Information Officers Association to be the liaison with the American Indian/Alaskan Native communities. NIOA is a professional organization working on communication issues and training for governmental and private organizations.

Natural Resource Department Great Lakes Assessment Fish Distribution

Every year you need to sign up for the Great Lakes Assessment Fish Distribution if you are interested in receiving fish. There are three ways you may sign up.

1. Call Natural Resource Office: 1-866-723-1594 or 231-398-2180
2. E-mail your name, Tribal ID, address, phone number and please indicate if you are an Elder to bharnish@lrboi.com.
3. Fill out the form below and mail to address on form.

2010 Great Lakes Assessment Fish Distribution Form

Name: _____ Elder: Yes ___ No ___ Tribal ID _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mail to: LRBOI NR Department
Atten: Bonnie Harnish
375 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660

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If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:
The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.

Or send them direct to currentcomments@lrboi.com.

Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.